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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Labor Day Safety Message

1. On September 5th, our Nation will celebrate Labor Day as a way to pay tribute to all of our citizens who have worked so hard to create and sustain this great country. Our Nation's strength, freedom, and prosperity would be impossible without the dedication and tireless efforts of the American worker.

2. Labor Day is also traditionally associated with the end of summer and one last time to enjoy the activities that make summer great. Unfortunately, many of those activities entail greater risks and can lead to tragedy. Historically, an organization as diverse and engaged as US Army, Pacific will lose at least one Soldier, Civilian, or Family member to a preventable accident during the holiday weekend, but we can prevent that from happening by staying focused on safety.

3. Our efforts to reduce accidents this year have paid off - we have cut our Privately Owned Vehicle and Privately Owned Motorcycle accident rates by over 50%. Leaders at all levels must stay engaged while making sure that every Soldier understands the risks of drinking and driving, as well as the safety, regulatory, and legal requirements for operating a motorcycle. Through our continued focus and diligence, we can keep our Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families safe from these preventable accidents.

4. This Labor Day, take time to reflect on all the hard work we have done to make our country great. I challenge you to stay engaged over the long weekend and throughout the rest of the year by incorporating Composite Risk Management skills into all that you do - at work, at play, and at home. We need you on the USARPAC team!

One Team!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Wiercinski", is positioned above the printed name.

FRANCIS J. WIERCINSKI
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

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